(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) A Committee set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on "Regulatory Mechanism for Textbooks and Parallel textbooks taught in schools outside the Government System" selected for review a sample of textbooks in the Social Sciences, Hindi and regional languages taught in schools of several States. The Committee's Report gives some examples of bias and historical errors.

Error in NCERT books

477. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the NCERT books 'Science and Technology' for class VII is littered with basic errors including the fact that insulin promotes blood sugar in the body and other errors are also there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to correct the errors and take action against the persons responsible for the lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The book under reference "Science and Technology-Part II" for class VII was brought out in the year 2003. This textbook is based on the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2000. The following errors relating to information on insulin have been brought to NCERT's notice, and necessary corrections have been carried out in the reprint versions of the books:—

Sl.No.	Reference	Incorrect text	Corrected text
1.	Page 135, Table 8.1 - Pancreas insulin lowers blood sugar	Pancreas-Insulin-*Promotes* blood sugar	Pancreas-Insulin-*Lowers* blood sugar

Sl.No.	Reference	Incorrect text	Corrected text
2.	Page 135, Table 8.1-Testis-testosterone promotes the development of secondary sexual characters in men	Testis-Testosterone-(i) Promotes respiration, sperm in males.	*Deleted*
3.	Page 135 - Estrogen promotes *the development of secondary* sexual characters in women	Ovary-Estrogen-(i) Promotes blood circulation.	*Deleted*

Errors in the text books

478. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has undertaken review of the social study and literature school text books in exercise of its functions to bring about a degree of uniformity in educational standards and to screen out communal contents, historical errors and inaccuracies in the school text books in different States and UTs; and

(b) if so, the number and details of the inaccuracies detected so far during the last three years and the steps taken to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Committee set up under the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) by the Ministry of Human Resource Development on "Regulatory mechanism for the textbooks and parallel text books taught in schools outside the Government system" was asked to study and report on both the textbooks used in Government schools, not following the CBSE syllabus, as well books used in non-government schools, including those run by religious and social organizations. The Committee examined a selected sample of textbooks in Social Sciences and languages (Hindi, English and some regional languages) in about 11 States. The Committee's Report gives some examples of bias and historical errors.

Central status to Gauhati University

479. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been received from the Government of Assam to convert Gauhati University into a Central University;